

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently amended) A patient wristband form, comprising:
a transparent ply having an upper surface and a lower surface,
a pressure sensitive adhesive coating on said lower surface of said transparent ply,
a release ply having an upper surface and a lower surface, said release ply having a release coating on said upper surface of said release ply, said transparent ply being removably mounted on said upper surface of said release ply by said pressure sensitive adhesive coating,
a die cut in said transparent ply defining an elongated wristband,
an opaque coating on said upper surface of said transparent ply in a central portion of said elongated wristband, and
a die cut in said transparent ply defining an overlamine label, said overlamine label being separate from said elongated wristband and sized to cover at least a part of said central portion of said elongated wristband so as to cover indicia printed on said opaque coating.
2. (Original) The patient wristband form of claim 1, in which said release ply is substantially larger than said transparent ply, and further comprising a paper ply having an upper surface and a lower surface, said lower surface of said paper ply having a pressure sensitive adhesive coating, and wherein said paper ply is mounted on said release ply by said pressure sensitive adhesive.

3. (Original) The patient wristband form of claim 2, in which one or more labels are defined by die cuts in said paper ply.

4. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 1 in which said transparent ply defines a plurality of colored labels that may be affixed to said elongated wristband.

5. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 1 in which said pressure sensitive adhesive coating on said lower surface of said transparent ply is pattern coated such that area beneath said elongated wristband central portion is free of adhesive.

6. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 1 in which said transparent ply is die cut to define one or more additional labels.

7. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 2 in which said transparent ply and said paper ply are directly adjacent each other so as to provide a patient wristband form of substantially uniform thickness, whereby said form may advantageously be printed by means of a laser printer, thermal transfer printer, or an ink jet printer.

8. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 7 in which said release ply defines a perforation line extending there across between said transparent ply and said paper ply.

9. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 1 in which said transparent ply further defines one or more circular die cut holes in said elongated wristband adjacent each end thereof,

whereby said elongated wristband may be secured in place around the wrist of a patient by a clasp which engages one hole at each end of the wristband.

10. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 1 in which said opaque coating on said upper surface of said transparent ply in a central portion of said elongated wristband comprises a coating of a white, opaque ink.

11. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 1 in which said transparent ply comprises a ply of film material.

12. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 11 in which said transparent ply comprises a ply of substantially clear polyester film material.

13. (Previously presented) A patient wristband form, comprising:
a top ply having at least a portion which is substantially transparent and a portion which is not substantially transparent, said top ply having an upper surface and a lower surface,
a pressure sensitive adhesive coating on said lower surface of said top ply,
a release ply having an upper surface and a lower surface, said release ply having a release coating on said upper surface of said release ply, said top ply being removably mounted on said upper surface of said release ply by said pressure sensitive adhesive coating,
a die cut in said top ply defining an elongated wristband, said wristband including at least part of said portion of said top ply which is not substantially transparent, whereby a print indicia receiving area is defined in a central portion of said elongated wristband, and

a die cut in said transparent portion of said top ply defining an overlamine label, said overlamine label being separate from said elongated wristband and sized to cover at least a part of said print indicia receiving area.

14. (Original) The patient wristband form of claim 13, in which said release ply is substantially larger than said top ply, and further comprising a paper ply having an upper surface and a lower surface, said lower surface of said paper ply having a pressure sensitive adhesive coating, and wherein said paper ply is mounted on said release ply by said pressure sensitive adhesive.

15. (Original) The patient wristband form of claim 14, in which one or more labels are defined by die cuts in said paper ply.

16. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 13 in which said top ply defines a plurality of colored labels that may be affixed to said elongated wristband.

17. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 13 in which said pressure sensitive adhesive coating on said lower surface of said top ply is pattern coated such that area beneath said elongated wristband central portion is free of adhesive.

18. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 13 in which said top ply is die cut to define one or more additional labels.

19. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 14 in which said top ply and said paper ply are directly adjacent each other so as to provide a patient wristband form of substantially uniform thickness, whereby said form may advantageously be printed by means of a laser printer, a thermal transfer printer, or an ink jet printer.

20. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 19 in which said release ply defines a perforation line extending there across between said top ply and said paper ply.

21. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 13 in which said top ply further defines one or more circular die cut holes in said elongated wristband adjacent each end thereof, whereby said elongated wristband may be secured in place around the wrist of a patient by a clasp which engages one hole at each end of the wristband.

22. (Original) The patient wristband of claim 13 in which said portion of said top ply which is not substantially transparent and which defines said print indicia receiving area includes a coating of a white, opaque ink.